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Dear Sir:

We enclose the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement, letter of explanation.
2. Substitute form 1449A/PTO listing U.S. Patent Documents and Foreign Patent Documents (1 page, in duplicate), and copies of listed references.
3. Substitute form 1449A/PTO listing Other Documents (3 pages, in duplicate), and copies of listed references.
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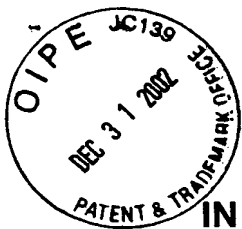
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Yours very truly,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the references contained in an Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Substitute for form 1449A/PTO), enclosed herewith, in duplicate. Copies of the references are enclosed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

With respect to the Vaughn reference, U17353 (C35), appended thereto is a fifth page showing the relationship between the beginning of sequences 1 to 4 shown therein, and SEQ ID NO:7 of United States Patent Application Serial No. 302,485, now United States Patent No. 5,786,327. SEQ ID NO:23 of the instant application corresponds to bases 124 to 231 of SEQ ID NO:7 of the '485 application.

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